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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices are 1 cent higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. Earlier in the week, most regional prices remained unchanged. Next week's regional asking prices are trending slightly higher for both the larger and smaller sized eggs. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is mixed but usually reported as moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are light to moderate, instances heavy in the Southwestern region. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate offerings. Processing schedules are full-time to occasionally reduced. Market activity is moderate.

**REGIONAL PRICES** -to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A & Grade A, white egg in cartons, delivered to warehouse, cents per dozen.

Regions	LARGE		MEDIUM	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
MIDWEST	92-101	94-97	74-83	76-79
NORTHEAST	95-109	100-104	80-93	85-87
SOUTH CENTRAL	102.5-111	104-107	78.5-87	80-83
SOUTHEAST	102-119	103-106	79.5-97	80-84

**PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS** - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	02/26/13	02/19/13	02/28/12
LARGE	74-84	74-84	67-77
MEDIUM	56-60	56-60	45-49

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	104.50	102.00	86.00
SOUTHEAST	106.50	104.50	82.00
MIDWEST	97.50	95.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	109.50	105.50	81.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	104.71	102.01	81.69

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)<sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

February 25, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.2	10.3	16.5	7.2	7.6	4.1	53.9
	% Change	-0.1%	7.3%	4.1%	2.0%	-0.4%	-7.6%	2.1%
Extra Large	This Week	29.9	14.6	36.1	21.9	33.0	9.5	144.8
	% Change	-3.5%	-25.5%	-4.9%	2.6%	1.6%	-5.0%	-4.8%
Large	This Week	76.8	104.3	130.5	85.2	94.8	64.3	556.0
	% Change	-0.5%	-9.4%	6.2%	3.4%	26.0%	6.2%	4.2%
Medium	This Week	11.5	16.0	44.6	22.1	27.6	10.3	131.9
	% Change	-24.2%	-3.0%	-8.5%	8.5%	19.8%	10.1%	-0.8%
Small	This Week	2.7	2.5	11.3	3.7	1.6	2.7	24.4
	% Change	-27.8%	-10.9%	3.3%	-38.8%	-11.4%	72.8%	-8.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.1	12.9	25.6	14.9	5.5	1.5	62.5
	% Change	3.0%	-10.9%	22.9%	10.3%	4.8%	-21.0%	7.7%
Ungraded	This Week	7.2	16.8	91.8	26.9	20.0	14.2	176.8
	% Change	-16.5%	38.6%	22.7%	-6.0%	21.3%	6.5%	14.8%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	138.3	177.3	356.4	181.9	189.9	106.6	1,150.3
	% Change	-5.2%	-6.8%	7.3%	1.4%	17.4%	5.4%	3.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,150.3	3.6%
Breaking Stock	257.0	-3.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,407.3	2.3%

## Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.2	29.2	6.3	5.4	4.7	1.8	55.5
	% Change	-10.9%	6.1%	9.9%	19.4%	22.8%	6.0%	5.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	31.2	9.1	6.2	2.7	49.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.5%	179.4%	27.5%	10.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.2	29.2	37.5	14.5	10.9	4.5	104.7
	% Change	-10.9%	6.1%	1.7%	8.2%	80.5%	18.0%	8.2%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	27.2%
	Ungraded:	73.2%
	Total:	48.8%

1/ Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-Feb-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,359,261	32,922	13,402	6,614	2,714	4,505
PW	1,371,608	32,283	14,009	7,112	2,928	4,419
LY	1,264,314	30,208	12,642	6,642	2,330	4,461
% PW	-1%	2%	-4%	-7%	-7%	2%
% LY	8%	9%	6%	0%	16%	1%
2012*	10,811,092	251,919	112,430	56,201	23,541	35,329
2011*	10,488,632	247,834	107,308	55,640	23,733	36,124
% YTD	3%	2%	5%	1%	-1%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.26	42.16	42.67
(Inedible Excluded)	38.95	38.94	39.14

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	788,128	58.0%	20,389	61.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	795,313	58.0%	19,599	60.7%
LAST YEAR	680,807	53.8%	17,716	58.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Feb 16	Feb 23	Feb 16	Feb 23
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,071	28,189	21,471	21,562
Arkansas	21,859	21,848	19,327	20,154
Delaware	3,415	3,376	4,141	3,985
Florida	1,221	1,223	1,588	1,194
Georgia	33,069	33,125	25,981	26,446
Kentucky	7,680	7,622	5,719	5,961
Louisiana	3,288	3,349	2,930	2,964
Maryland	7,198	7,213	6,310	5,684
Mississippi	17,272	17,606	14,553	14,629
Missouri	8,216	8,105	5,699	5,630
North Carolina	20,173	20,316	15,464	15,919
Oklahoma	6,992	6,837	4,882	4,400
Pennsylvania	3,806	3,858	2,778	3,024
South Carolina	5,311	5,492	5,643	4,572
Texas	14,804	15,017	12,100	12,326
Virginia	6,217	6,188	4,592	5,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,205	10,133	10,272	9,710
19 State total	198,797	199,497	163,450	163,614
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	102
Other States	7,770	7,795	6,046	5,827
United States	206,567	207,292	169,496	169,441

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Apr-13 is estimated at 150.6 million head. This compares to 149.4 million head the previous week and to 152.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 86.92 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)

National trading for 02/21/13 - 02/27/13						
CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds	
	122.25	SE	39.50	NE	161.75	MW
GNR W 1	77.57	81.43	76.00	78.50	--	32.00
GNR W 2	--	--	76.00	78.00	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	110.00	112.00	100.94	7.00
GL W XL	85.00	98.20	90.13	92.48	86.48	40.50
GL W LG	--	90.08	80.07	82.81	81.20	42.25
GL W MD	--	72.00	71.40	72.17	61.83	14.50
GL W SM	--	51.00	53.00	55.30	44.25	9.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	95.10	1.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	93.76	5.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	59.00	.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	62.00	4.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	62.00	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 23-Feb-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	18.5	17.7	5	10		
Boston	2.4	2.9	-17	-11		
Chicago	61.3	57.0	8	6		
Los Angeles	67.1	65.2	3	23		
New Orleans	6.8	6.6	3	3		
New York	36.6	35.2	4	7		
St. Louis	97.5	103.5	-6	33		
San Francisco	19.5	17.1	14	47		
Total	309.7	305.0	2	20		
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.0					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 23-Feb-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,654	2,508	2	4,181
Avg Wt	17.10	40.81	33.19	31.38
Last week	1,729	2,588	35	4,374
Same wk yr ago	1,792	2,605	13	4,412
Avg Wt	17.07	41.20	24.52	31.35
To-date/2013*	13,252	19,764	204	33,388
To-date/2012*	13,500	19,578	174	33,318
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	17%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	22,627	81,881	51	104,948
Last week	23,639	81,532	690	106,351
Same wk yr ago	24,473	85,860	244	110,635
To-date/2013*	180,473	647,098	4,288	835,445
To-date/2012*	183,070	653,140	3,570	841,391
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	20%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 23-Feb-13 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg				
North East	513	-12	26.31	(A)	513	26.31
South Atlantic	674	8	37.99	(A)	674	37.99
North Central	2,091	1	33.62	(A)	2,104	33.62
South Central	684	-15	19.51	(A)	688	19.51
West	200	-18	28.55	(A)	200	28.55
U.S. total	4,162 (B)	-4	31.38	17	4,179	31.38
To-date						
2013*	33,016 (B)			168	33,184	
To-date						
2012*	33,252 (B)			66	33,318	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 2,000; for the current year to date\* 204,000; for last year to date\* 174,000.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 23-Feb-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,588	1,495	1,171	2,666	313
Avg Wt	5.90	3.37	7.35	5.12	6.41
Last week	151,584	1,310	1,433	2,743	446
Same wk yr ago	149,930	1,302	1,457	2,759	454
Avg Wt	5.64	3.23	7.83	5.66	6.86
To-date/2013*	1,204,246	12,297	11,015	23,312	3,071
To-date/2012*	1,190,280	12,192	12,371	24,563	3,371
% Change YTD	1%	1%	-11%	-5%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	679,721	2,670	5,767	8,437	1,424
Last week	667,030	2,118	7,690	9,808	2,160
Same wk yr ago	634,204	2,187	7,701	9,888	2,242
To-date/2013*	5,344,284	20,800	56,993	77,793	14,793
To-date/2012*	5,095,657	20,265	63,831	84,096	16,093
% Change YTD	5%	3%	-11%	-7%	-8%
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Dressing %	76.0%	53.0%	67.0%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.4 million head, or 3.6 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
01/19	152.9	142.8	107%	5.68
01/26	151.6	150.0	101%	5.88
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
02/09	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
02/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
Year to date	1218.9	1192.8	102%	
03/02		153.7		
03/09		154.1		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL**

Week Ending 02-Mar-13

Class	Current Week 03/02/13 (1)	Previous Week 02/23/13
Broiler/fryer	155,694 (2)	156,508
Light hens	1,461	1,675
Heavy hens	1,293	1,235
Total	158,448	159,418

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 153.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 0.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Mar-13 the estimated available is 153.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** – Selected Centers

		(INCL GOVT STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other	
		LBS	LBS	Poultry	
				LBS	
AM	02/25/13	2,920	134,870	58,011	
AM	02/01/13	3,097	121,849	75,600	
CHG		-177	13021	-17589	
PCT CHG		-6%	11%	-23%	

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 92.00-98.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-98.00 cents fob for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

22-Feb-13

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.5	13.91

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**Live Spent Light**

The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV;

North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI;

South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 23-Feb-13 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	203.5	11	1
East North Central	729.0	1	4
West North Central	301.6	-5	4
South Atlantic	125.3	-2	-16
South Central	53.2	3	12
West	35.8	1	-15
Total	1448.4	1	1

Matched Plants Reporting Previous Week 69 Last Year 69

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER**

22-Feb-13

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	101.66	↑ 0.70	11,602
<b>Last Week:</b>	100.96		10,773
<b>Last Year:</b>	90.50	↑ 11.16	12,640

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Jan	101.48	58,174
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**Whole Body:**

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
<b>New York</b>	94.50 - 108.00	101.00 - 106.00	102.61	1,406
<b>Chicago</b>	89.00 - 108.25	90.00 - 98.00	96.72	1,920

**Los Angeles** 89.00 - 126.00 100.00 - 110.00 104.16 1,694

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

